



## DORCHESTER COUNTY 2005 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

<b>Farm Numbers <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1997 <sup>3</sup></b>	<b>2002</b>
Number of Farms	347	308	351
Average Size (acres)	357	398	357
Land in Farms (acres)	123,762	122,443	125,385
<b>Livestock Inventory <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1997 <sup>3</sup></b>	<b>2002</b>
Cattle	979	589	316
Hogs	15,591	2,529	2,907
Sheep	31	<sup>2</sup>	<sup>2</sup>
<b>2002 Value of Sales <sup>1</sup></b>			
All Products (\$1,000)			83,866
Poultry & Eggs (\$1,000)			57,379
Grains & Oilseeds (\$1,000)			12,848
Vegetables (\$1,000)			11,900
<b>Demographic Data <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1997 <sup>3</sup></b>	<b>2002</b>
Average Age of Operator	51.3	53.3	56.0
Percent Female Operators	16.4	4.2	11.4
<b>2002 Equine Census</b>			
Number of Equine Places			160
Equine Inventory			460
Value of Equine Inventory			\$5,280,000

<b>Crop Production Acres Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002 <sup>1</sup></b>			
Corn for Grain	7	Soybeans	3
Barley	5	Vegetables	1
Forage	23	Wheat	5

<b>Livestock &amp; Poultry Inventories Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002 <sup>1</sup></b>			
Beef Cattle	23	Milk Cows	22
Broilers	5	Sheep	21
Hogs	4		

<sup>1</sup> Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

<sup>2</sup> Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

<sup>3</sup> Revised.

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<b>Crop</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Acreage Harvested</b>	<b>Yield</b>	<b>Total Production</b>
Corn for Grain (bushels)	2003	22,800	141.4	3,224,000
	2004	24,600	160.9	3,957,300
	2005	23,500	150.0	3,523,900
Corn for Silage (tons)	2003	*	*	*
	2004	*	*	*
	2005	*	*	*
Soybeans (bushels)	2003	40,500	36.6	1,481,000
	2004	49,100	45.1	2,216,400
	2005	46,100	37.8	1,740,300
Wheat (bushels)	2003	11,200	38.9	436,000
	2004	12,300	60.8	747,740
	2005	10,700	71.3	763,100
Hay (tons)	2003	600	2.0	1,200
	2004	600	2.5	1,500
	2005	700	2.6	1,800
Barley (bushels)	2003	3,400	59.3	201,700
	2004	3,600	80.8	290,900
	2005	4,200	80.2	337,000

\* Acreage too small to publish.

	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>
Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)	\$62.72	\$76.94	\$81.56

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